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**THIS WAS  
THE WAY OF  
THE WEST...!  
FROM OUT OF  
THE PAST  
COMES THE  
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LAWMAN OF  
ALL TIME...!**

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MAVERICK MARSHAL

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# MARK STONE

MAVERICK MARSHAL

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MAVERICK MARSHAL

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

IN

## "NEEDLE ROCK RENDEZVOUS!"

I KNEW  
YUH WERE  
TRAILIN' ME,  
YUH...  
AAAH!

MY ORDERS, WHEN I  
LEFT THE SANTA FE  
OFFICE, WERE TO FIND  
THE MEN WHO LOOTED  
DE SILVA'S SAFE AND  
BRING THEM IN, ALONG  
WITH DE SILVA'S MONEY.  
I WAS LUCKY - THREE  
WEEKS AFTER THE ROBBERY I  
CAUGHT UP WITH MUSH FARREL,  
ONE OF THE OUTLAWS...

IF ANYONE TRIES  
TO INTERFERE,  
I'LL TAKE 'EM ON  
RIGHT NOW!

HE'S A  
STRANGER  
TUH US,  
MARSHAL!  
WE WON'T  
BUTT IN!

MUSH FARREL WAS IN SHOCK--  
HE WASN'T BADLY HURT BUT I  
DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO WAIT FOR  
ANSWERS! I FOUND WHAT I  
WANTED IN A SHIRT POCKET!

UH-HUH! YUH'VE GOT A  
RENDEZVOUS SET FOR  
THE SEVENTEENTH FOR  
THE TOP O' NEEDLE ROCK!  
THAT'S A FUNNY  
PLACE TO MEET!

YEAH--  
YUH'LL  
THINK IT'S  
A HOWL IF  
YUH GO  
THERE--  
ALL THE  
WAY  
DOWN!

NICHOLAS  
AND TRAFANI

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

GO THERE,  
MARSHAL!  
THE MONEY'LL  
BE THERE  
WAITIN' FOR  
YUH TOO!

I'M GOIN', FARREL!  
THERE'S A JAIL THERE--  
I RECKON IT'S STRONG  
ENOUGH TUH HOLD YOU!

I BOUGHT  
SHELLS,  
BEANS,  
AND  
BACON  
AND  
HEADED  
NORTH-  
EAST  
FOR  
NEEDLE  
ROCK...  
I TIMED  
THINGS  
SO I'D  
GET THERE  
TWELVE  
HOURS  
EARLY...

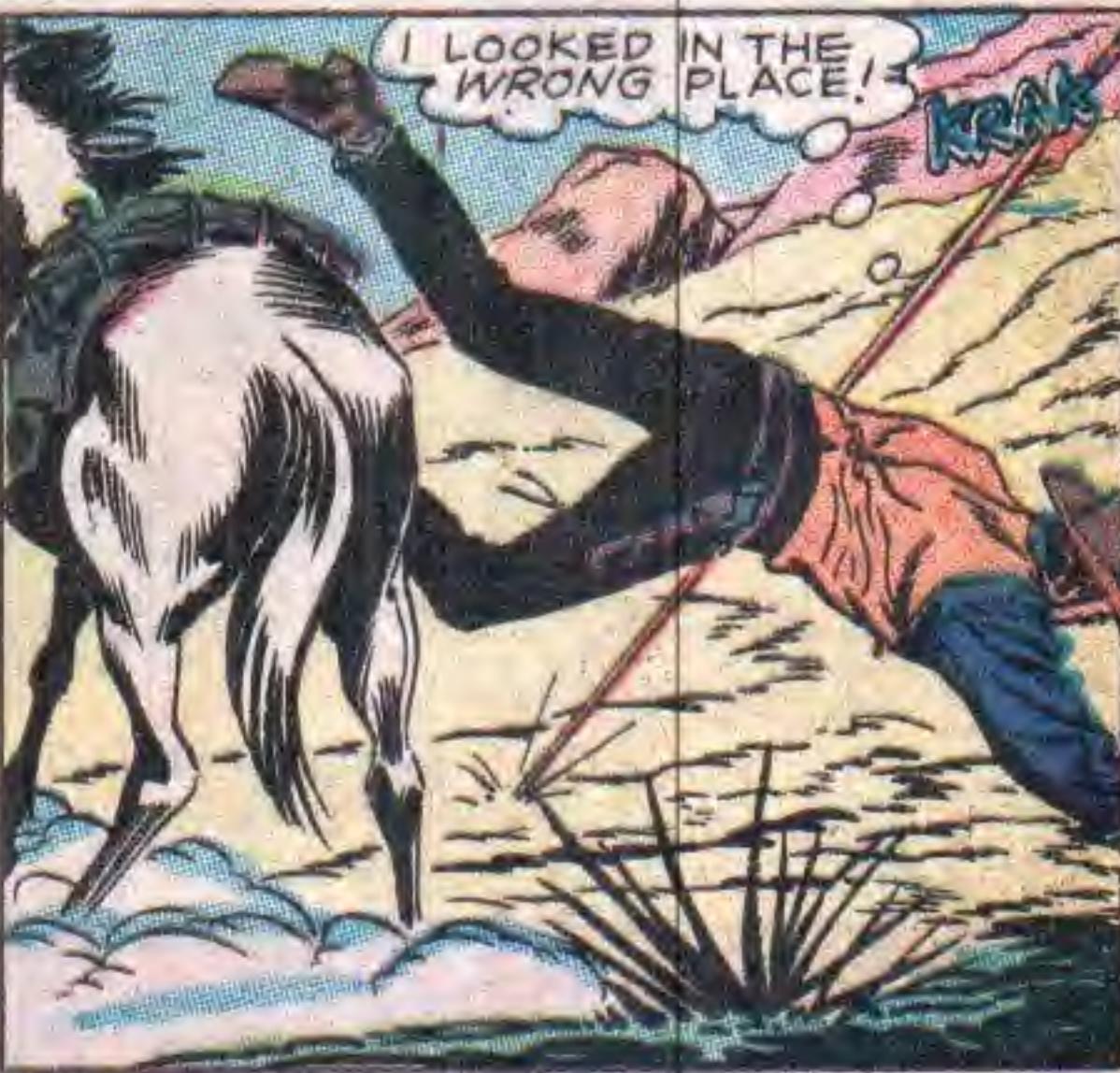


THERE'S  
ABSOLUTELY  
NOTHIN' UP ON  
TOP - I'VE GOT TO  
GO UP THERE AN'  
LOOK AROUND!



I LOOKED IN THE  
WRONG PLACE!

KRAK



HE'S THROWIN' A LOT OF LEAD!  
HE'LL THINK HE GOT ME AN' SHOW  
HIMSELF!

ZING  
ZING

I JUST LAID THERE FEELING THE SLUGS WHISPER  
AND SCREAM PAST MY EARS! THEN, THEY STOPPED...  
AND I LAID STILL ANOTHER TWENTY MINUTES...



HE'S GONE!  
I RECKON I CAN  
TRAIL HIM FROM  
HERE, WHOEVER  
HE IS!



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# MAVERICK MARSHAL

IT WOULD'VE WORKED WITH  
MOST FUGITIVES--BUT NOT  
THE MAN I WAS HUNTING!

TURN BACK,  
STONE! THE  
NEXT ONE'LL  
BE DEAD CENTER!

I HAD NO CHOICE --I WENT  
TO MY HORSE, MOUNTED,  
AND HEADED BACK!

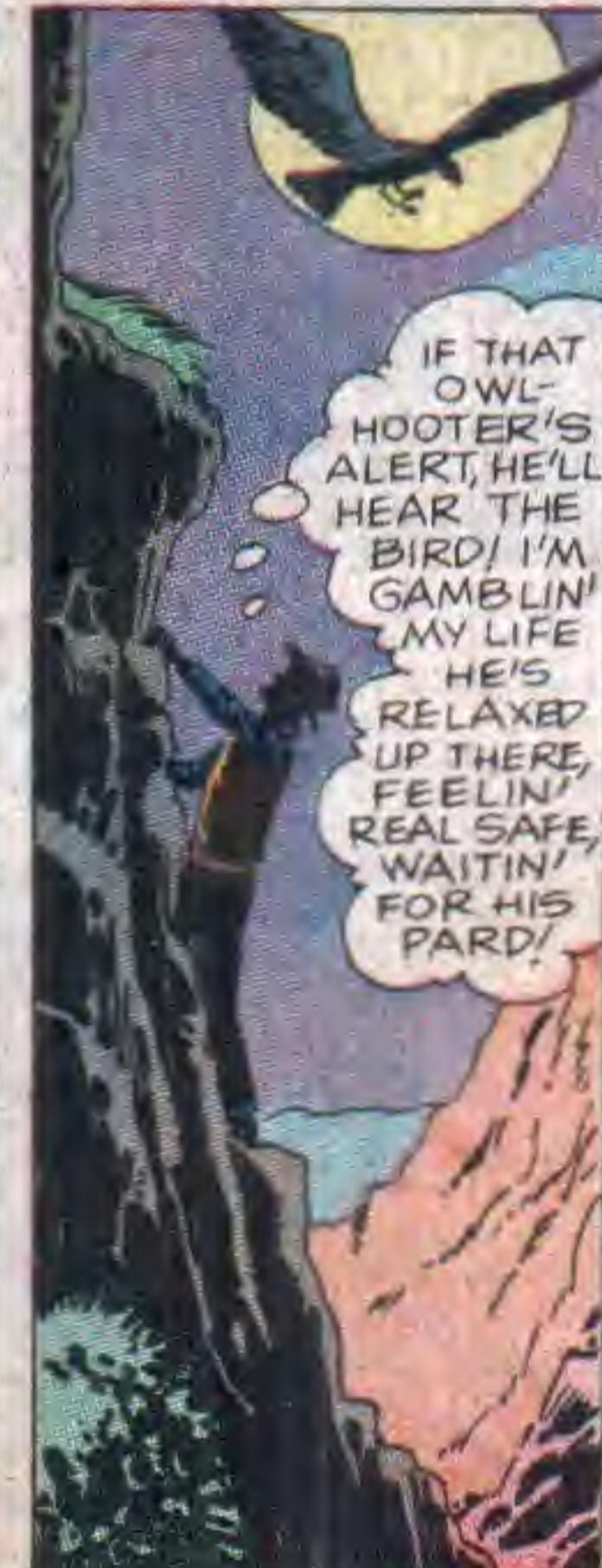
WHOEVER IT IS,  
HE'S A COOL  
ARTICLE! HE'S  
HOLDIN' THE  
ACES AND HE  
KNOWS IT!

HE'S UP HIGH...ME  
C'N SEE EVERY SIDE-  
WINDER THAT MOVES  
DOWN HERE! BUT  
THE SUN'S GOIN'  
DOWN. I'LL MAKE  
MY MOVE THEN!



I'D SEEN NEEDLE ROCK BE-  
FORE--I KNEW THE NARROW  
TRAIL UP THE FAR SIDE  
WOULD MAKE A MOUNTAIN  
GOAT SHIVER! I COULDN'T  
TAKE THAT TRAIL. I HAD TO  
GO UP SHEER ROCK!

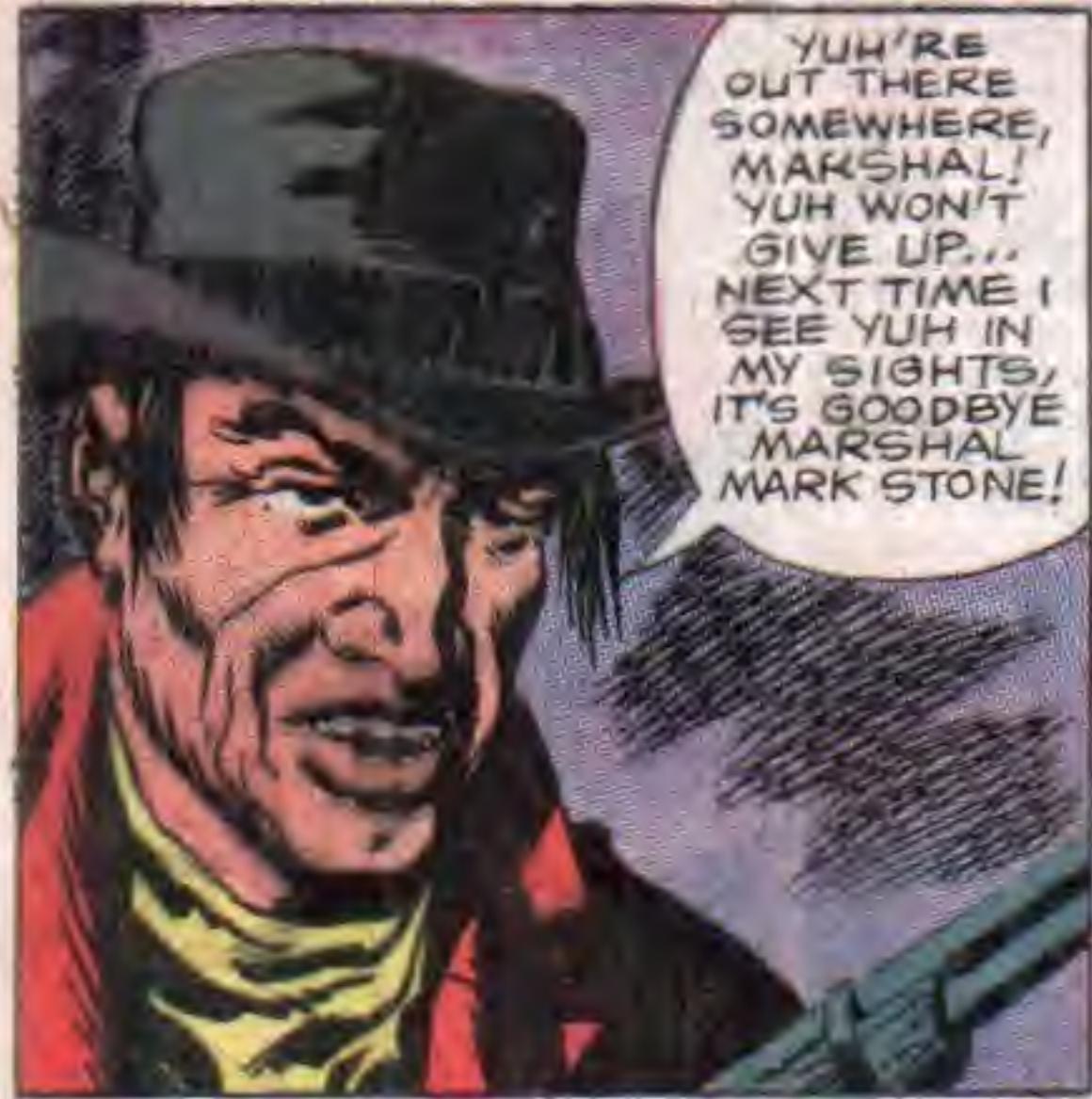
I CAN'T GO BACK DOWN--  
I'D BREAK MY NECK! THE  
ONLY WAY DOWN IS  
UP!



IF THAT  
OWL-  
HOOITER'S  
ALERT, HE'LL  
HEAR THE  
BIRD! I'M  
GAMBLIN'  
MY LIFE  
HE'S  
RELAXED  
UP THERE,  
FEELIN'  
REAL SAFE,  
WAITIN'  
FOR HIS  
PARD!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

I HAD TO KEEP TALKIN'— I KNEW KILROE INTENDED TO PUT A BULLET IN ME! IF I WAS LUCKY, I'D GET A SMASHED SHOULDER, IF NOT...



I MOVED TOWARD HIM A LITTLE—ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM BACK UP! HIS SPURS GRATED ON ROCK, THEN CAUGHT! HIS STUMBLE WAS ENOUGH!



BLAST YUH, I'M FALLIN'!



HE HAD THE MONEY CACHED WITH HIS SADDLE AT THE BASE OF NEEDLE ROCK! AS WE RODE AWAY, I ASKED HIM ABOUT THAT RENDEZVOUS.



END

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

GOLD IS NEVER SAFE

FREEZE RIGHT THERE, STONE! TAKE IT EASY, BOSS, I GOT HIM COVERED!

THE SIXTEEN SOLID GOLD INGOTS IN THE MAIL CAR WERE PROPERTY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT! NO ONE EXPECTED TROUBLE ON THE SHORT RUN INTO DENVER BUT I HAD MY ORDERS--I DIDN'T LET ANYONE GET ANYWHERE NEAR THE CAR BEFORE WE LEFT! THE TROUBLE, WHEN IT CAME, WAS FROM A PLACE I HADN'T BEEN WATCHING!

OKAY, YOU WIN THIS HAND!

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THIS IS GOVERNMENT GOLD, MISTER! YUH WON'T BE ABLE TUH RUN FAR ENOUGH OR FAST ENOUGH TUH GET AWAY WITH THIS!

SHUT UP, STONE! WE WON'T RUN-- THERE WON'T BE ANY WITNESSES WHEN WE LEAVE!

MARK STONE DIDN'T SEE THE SECOND MAN-- HE WAS BEHIND HIM! HE SAW HIS GAUNT SHADOW, THE SILHOUETTE OF THE LIFTED GUN, THEN... HE SAW NOTHING!

BLAM!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

THE TWO MEN HAD IT WELL PLANNED-- THE DOORS WERE LOCKED FROM THE OUTSIDE AND INSIDE-- THEY CUT A HOLE IN THE EXPRESS CAR FLOOR!

I JUST DROP 'EM THROUGH TUH THE ROADBED, BOSS?

CORRECT-- THEN, WE DROP THROUGH! IN ONE MOMENT, WE'LL BE SLOWING DOWN FOR THE SWITCH-POINT! IT'LL BE SAFE FOR US THEN!



IT WAS THAT SIMPLE-- THEY RAN BACK FOR HORSES TIED NEARBY, FOUND THE INGOTS AND... VANISHED! MARK STONE WAS FOUND AT DENVER WHEN THEY OPENED THE SEALED CAR!



YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, MARSHAL. IT'S JUST A FLESH WOUND!



YOU LET THEM GET AWAY WITH MY INGOTS, STONE!

LOOK, MR. GOFF, I DIDN'T LET ANYONE GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING-- AND I DON'T AIM TO IN THE FUTURE! I WAS SHOT, THAT'S ALL I KNOW!

HOW'D THEY DO IT, JOHNNY? I REMEMBER THEY BUSTED OUT OF CRATES IN THE CAR-- HOW'D THEY GET THE GOLD OUT?

THEY DROPPED IT THROUGH THE FLOOR, THEN DROPPED OUT AFTER IT! NO ONE SAW THEM BUT YOU! DID YOU RECOGNIZE THEM?



I'LL KNOW 'EM WHEN I SEE 'EM, JOHNNY. I'LL GET 'EM -- NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE!

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

LET'S SEE--YOU SAW ONE MAN AND YOU'D KNOW HIM AGAIN, CORRECT! BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IT WAS DONE OR WHO THE OTHER MAN WAS!

DON'T WORRY, GOFF, I'LL TRACE THE MAN WHO SHIPPED THOSE CRATES IN THE EXPRESS CAR FIRST!

HE SAW GOFF'S FACE CHANGE-- THEN THE DENVER BANKER TURNED AND HURRIED AWAY! U.S. MARSHAL STONE HAD A HUNCH--

THE BANKER SEEMS PRETTY SHAKEN-- HE'D MAKE A TERRIBLE POKER PLAYER THE WAY HE TWITCHES AT THE WRONG TIME! I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!



LATER... HE'S HEADIN' BACK IN THE DIRECTION WHERE THE TRAIN ROBBERY HAPPENED-- THINGS ARE SHAPIN' UP FAST!



THE MARSHAL RODE FAST-- HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT GOFF BACK-TRACKED AND WAS WAITING BESIDE HIS TRAIL WITH A WINCHESTER!



SO YUH'RE THE GENT WHO TRIED TUH GUN ME IN THE EXPRESS CAR!

THAT'S RIGHT, MARSHAL! THIS TIME I WON'T MISS-- RIDE AHEAD, I'LL LET JED SEE THIS TOO!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

IT'S THE LAWMAN!  
I THOUGHT!

I MISSED IN  
THAT CAR,  
JED! THIS  
TIME, WE  
BOTH MAKE  
SURE!

HE'LL SHOOT YUH DOWN, JED! IN TOWN,  
THEY KNOW YUH WERE IN ON THE  
ROBBERY-- I TOLD 'EM! GOFF'S GONNA  
GET ME OUTA THE WAY, THEN HE'LL  
GET YOU! NO WITNESSES THEN, AN'  
THE GOLD'S ALL HIS!

THE  
MARSHAL  
DIDN'T  
KNOW  
THAT  
JED HAD  
BEEN  
THINKING  
THE  
SAME  
THOUGHTS  
-- HE  
READ  
TROUBLE  
IN HIS  
EYES AND  
ROLLED  
OUT OF  
THE  
SADDLE  
AS BOTH  
MEN  
OPENED  
FIRE!



HE  
TRIED  
TO  
KILL  
ME!

AFTER YUH SHOT AT HIM,  
GOFF! YUH'LL BOTH LIVE--  
I'LL PATCH YOU UP, THEN  
TAKE YUH TUH TOWN! THE  
INGOTS ARE  
WITH JED'S  
GEAR  
OVER  
THERE!

LATER...

I'M GLAD GOFF IS WHERE  
HE WON'T DO ANY HARM  
FOR A WHILE. STEALIN'  
FROM HIS OWN BANK WAS  
SMART-- BUT YOU JUST  
CAN'T OUTSMART  
JUSTICE!



END

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

MY NAME IS MARK STONE, U.S. MARSHAL! I'VE GOT A WARRANT FOR DAVE MALVERN! HE'S HERE IN TOWN, SHERIFF!

YUH DON'T SAY! WHAT DO YUH WANT ME TUH DO? RUN OUT AN' HOGTIE HIM FOR YUH?

I was given a federal warrant for the arrest of Dave Malvern, wanted for robbing the mails in St. Louis on June 12, 1887. Six days later, after authorized travel by train, I arrived in Bear Creek and went to the Sheriff's office to present my credentials and ask whatever help I needed.

## FUGITIVE IN POWER

WHAT'S YORE HANDLE, MISTER? I LIKE TUH REMEMBER ACCOMMODATIN' FELLAS LIKE YOU!

FRANK BUDD'S THE NAME, STONE! I'LL SEE YUH AROUND...

I'LL SEE YUH OVER THE BARREL OF A .45!

IF YOU DECIDE TO COOPERATE, BUDD, I'LL BE IN THE HOTEL RESTAURANT!



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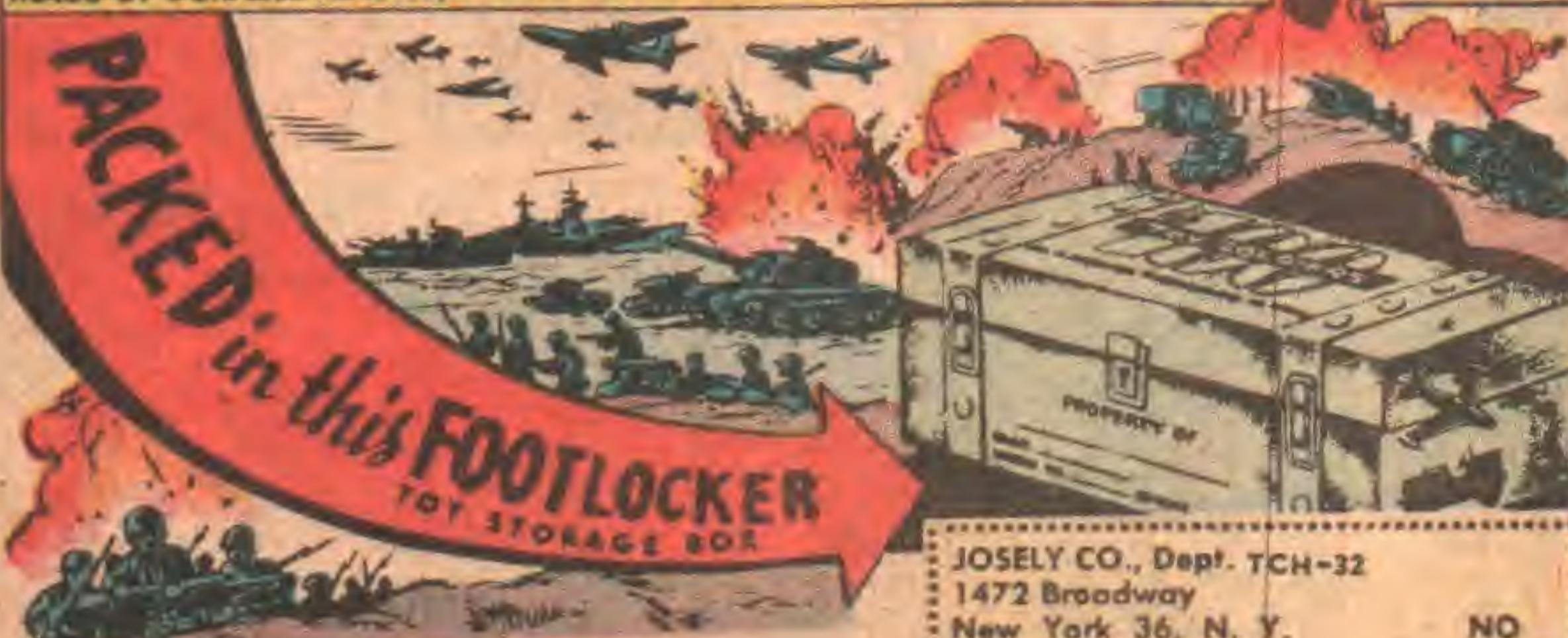
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# MAVERICK MARSHAL

I KNEW  
FRANK  
BUDD  
WASN'T  
THE  
DEPUTY  
SHERIFF--  
I COULD  
SMELL THE  
GUNHOLE  
TRAIL  
ON HIM  
THE  
MINUTE I  
SAW HIM!  
AND I  
COULD  
SMELL  
FEAR  
EVERY-  
WHERE  
I WENT!

I'LL HAVE  
STEAK, POTATOES,  
AND PIE!

Y-YES, SIR!

MALVERN'S WHOLE GANG IS IN  
TOWN -- HE'S PLANNING SOMETHING BIG! THE JOKER IN THE  
KITCHEN WITH THE  
GUN ON ME IS A  
REAL GUNHAWK!



I  
GAMBLED  
WHEN I  
DID THAT  
--I WAS  
HOPING  
THE  
GUNSLINGER  
WOULD BE  
CONFUSED  
ENOUGH  
TO GIVE  
ME A  
CHANCE!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL



THE BANK  
WAS QUIET  
TOO--I  
LEARNED  
LATER THAT  
MALVERN'S  
GANG HAD  
BEEN IN  
TOWN ALL  
MORNING!  
MALVERN  
HIMSELF  
WAS AT  
THE VAULT  
WITH THE  
BANK  
PRESIDENT  
JOHN D.  
MACKLIN!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

MALVERN HAD FIVE MEN INSIDE THE BANK -- I TRADED BULLETS WITH THEM UNTIL THE ONE AT THE DOOR, TINKER CLAY, SWUNG A GREENER MY WAY!



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE -- CLEAN OUT THE OTHER PLACES IN TOWN! WE'LL KEEP THE FEDERAL PENNED IN HERE! MOVE OUT!



STAY INSIDE HERE -- THEY WON'T BE BACK! THERE MUST BE A DOZEN OF THEM -- THEY CAME IN ABOUT NINE THIS MORNING! YOU CAN'T STOP THEM ALONE!



I'M PAID TUH TRY, MACKLIN. MAYBE I'LL GET HELP BEFORE THIS IS OVER!



MALVERN'S MEN WORKED FAST AND EFFICIENTLY! EXCEPT FOR THE MONEY IN THE BANK VAULT, THEY STRIPPED THE TOWN OF ALL THE CASH! I MADE ONE TRY TO GET OUT...

I THINK I GOT THAT FEDERAL LAWMAN!

COME ON -- DAVE SAYS WE GOT ALL WE'RE GONNA GET!



IF THEY GET OUT OF THIS TOWN, I'LL NEVER ROUND THEM UP! IF I TRY STOPPING THEM, MYSelf THEY'LL RIDE ME DOWN! I'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHANCE!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

WHAT I DID NEXT LOOKED POOLISH--BUT  
I PLANNED IT CAREFULLY! I STOOD UP  
AND FACED THE ENTIRE GANG...

HEY--IT'S THE U.S.  
MARSHAL! WATCH  
IT--IT  
MIGHT  
BE A  
TRAP!

WHAT ARE WE  
WAITIN' FOR?  
GET HIM!

YOU'RE ALL UNDER  
ARREST! DROP  
YORE GUNS, ALL  
OF YUH!

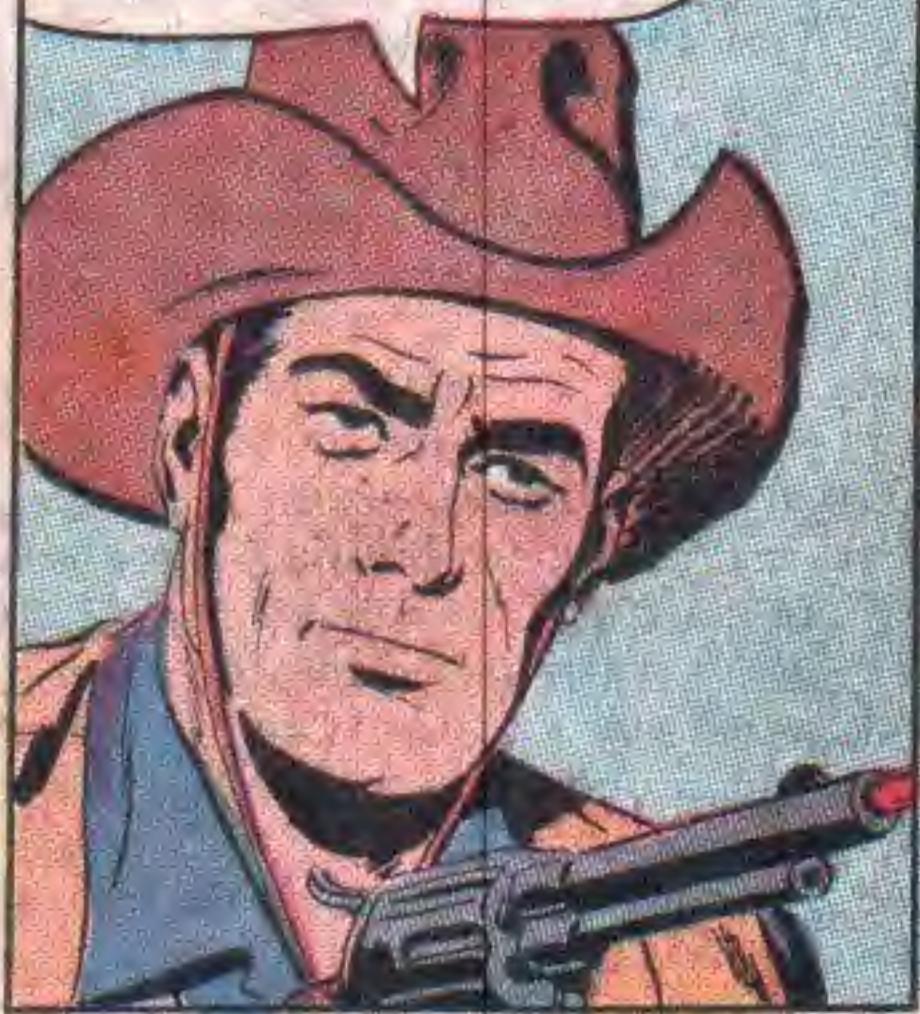
I CAN'T STAND  
HERE AN' JUST  
WATCH! I'VE GOT  
TO HELP HIM!



THERE WERE  
BRAVE MEN  
IN TOWN...  
MEN WHO  
HADN'T  
FOUGHT  
BECAUSE  
THEY HAD  
NO LEADER!  
MEN WHO  
WOULDN'T  
FIGHT FOR  
MONEY  
ALONE  
REACHED  
FOR  
HIDDEN  
GUNS  
WHEN THEY  
THOUGHT  
I WAS  
DOOMED!

LET THOSE OWLHOOTERS HAVE  
IT MEN!

IT WORKED--THEY'RE  
HELPIN' ME PLENTY!



YUH WERE ALL-FIRED LUCKY, MARSHAL!  
I HAD THIS TOWN SCARED GREEN TWENTY  
MINUTES AGO! ALL OF A SUDDEN,  
THEY TURNED INTO  
TIGERS!

IN MY LINE O' WORK, YUH HAVE TUH  
FIGGER FAST AN' GAMBLE YO'RE  
RIGHT! I FIGGERED THEY WOULDN'T  
STAND BY AN' WATCH YUH SHOOT  
ME DOWN-- AND I FIGGERED  
RIGHT!



END

# Western Pioneer

About thirty years ago I was introduced to an old time Western pioneer. He had come to the shores of this country right after the War between the States. Then for the next twenty years he has crossed much of the lands of the West as a trader — first with only a pack on his back, then he used horses and mules to carry his goods. Later, he bought a big wagon and in this he carried a large assortment of goods. Finally he settled in a small town and opened a general merchandise store.

But from time to time he would make periodic trips to the ranches, settlers, and even to the Indians to sell or trade his wares. Definitely he had an interesting story to tell so an offer was made to me.

"You listen to what dad has to say," said his son, "then make notes and go over them with him. Actually you will ghost a book of Western Memoirs. We will work out a schedule of payment that should be satisfactory."

I didn't accept the offer at once. I waited to see just how it would turn out. I visited the old time pioneer in his country home. We would pull up two chairs next to a good comfortable fire in the wood burning fireplace, then he would start talking and take some incident and expand it. I listened carefully, made some notes when he was finished and then I went home and typed out what he said. Next visit we would go over it and he would make additions. After a period of one month, we all realized exactly what the situation was. It would take about three years of work to get the book into shape. Actually I think the old man wanted somebody to listen as he relived the past. In addition, I had other obligations that had a first claim on my time.

"You are free to use any of the material I dictated," he told me before we parted as good friends. "Those were the good old days. When you have met them all from Billy the Kid to Buffalo Bill, and from General Custer to General Sherman, you have seen a lot of the West."

What was unusual about the life of John Franklyn? Many men helped to create the West in a variety of ways, his contribution was small but his philosophy of life was wonderful: He NEVER CARRIED A GUN! He believed that if you were nice and kind to people they would have to be the same to you. Now I know we can get into an argument about that point, but apparently it worked very well with Mr. Franklyn. He was known

as "Honest John" in the West.

He did have a knife but it was as a tool and not as a weapon. He could fix anything with his knife. He had a variety of experiences, so let us look at a few of them.

"I was only nineteen when I started with a pack on my back to do my trading. By that time, I had learned enough of the English language to make my way anyplace. I hadn't the slightest idea that in the course of the next two decades I would speak Spanish and most of the Indian tongues in the territory.

I wandered into an Indian camp, just as they were eating, and I was invited to share the food — my first meal of dried buffalo meat, with something that passed as corn, then I took my pack and opened it.

The Indians looked at my goods and selected several items. Then a rather fierce brave spoke:

"We no have to pay or trade, we take goods, if he object we kill him."

I wasn't a bit afraid. I pointed out that I didn't carry a revolver on my person that they could see. I came in peace and expected to be treated as a peaceful man. In addition, it would be very foolish to take my goods away. If I gave them good material, I would do so in the future. They needed a trader whom they could trust. One who did no tricks.

"He speaks wise words this white man," said their Chief. "He came in peace, he leaves in peace. We pay him and he comes again."

They gave me silver dollars. How did they get these dollars? They were part of the treaty payments made by the United States Government. That was my first sale and I made many more to that group of Indians as well as to others."

I wanted to know if he had any experiences with what we called "Bad Men of the West."

He laughed for a while and I realized it must be something funny. Then he told me the story.

"It happened in either 1879 or 1880. I'm not sure of the exact year, but it was during the period of drought. Cattle were dying on the range, work was hard for a cowboy to find, and consequently business was bad in the towns. I was out on the prairie with my wagon all alone, when a cowboy rode up to me just as I was preparing a meal.

"Come join me," I welcomed him.

He ate with me and was silent. I could sense he was eyeing me up and down figuring how

much money I had with me. Before we retired that evening I spoke to him.

"All I have in cash just now consists of ten silver dollars. You look as though you are dead broke, take half of them, either as a gift or a loan. You must be as hard up as I am in these tough days."

In the morning he was gone when I awoke and I found a note pencilled with just one word. "Thanks."

Now we go to the year 1892, I had my store established by that time. I needed a loan at the bank but the banker wanted security. A well dressed rancher apparently listening to what was being said walked right up to the banker.

"Lend him whatever amount he needs, my account is sufficient security."

"Of course, Mr. Wilford," replied the banker.

I guess I was just too dumbfounded to say anything. But, the rancher accompanied me outside and then from his pocket he took five silver dollars which he handed to me.

"I never knew your name," he apologized, "or the loan would have been repaid sooner. Who knows what might have happened to me had not our paths crossed? I now own the Double T Ranch, that's west of the river. So long as I am alive you have credit for anything you want."

You can read a lot about General Custer. I guess it is true that people either idolized him or detested him. Back in his days they had a peculiar system at the army posts. A man known as a Sutler got a concession, he was the only one who could sell goods to the soldiers. And he loaned them money also. But often his prices were very high as compared to those in town.

And if the soldiers didn't buy at the post, the Sutler would complain to the commanding officer. General Custer and his men were in the field and they spotted me with my wagon. Some soldiers came after me and took me to the General.

"You stay here alone and you'll lose your scalp!" he warned me.

"Who would take it?" I sort of innocently asked.

"Crazy Horse and his braves," was the reply.

"I visited Crazy Horse last week," I admitted. "Sold him a lot of yard goods and he treated me very well. Even gave me an escort. He had heard about some bandits from across the border."

The General just didn't know what to say. But later in the evening I did a rushing business. Sold out almost everything I had with me in the wagon to his soldiers. The prices were fair.

"You ought to be a Sutler," said General Custer. "If you ever decide to settle in one place just contact me. I'll give you a recommendation you can use at Washington."

I want to make one thing very clear. I offered something to the General when I left him. He took it and insisted on paying me for it.

"A nice present for my wife when I get back to the post," was his comment. If he had lived I guess he might have been eventually head of the army, who knows?

Just one word about Billy the Kid. I met him — and didn't even know it was him. Three men were arguing with somebody who looked like a "youngster." I knew one of the men, Sam Gadney.

"Sam," I said, "You outnumber that kid. It isn't fair when the odds are against you. Any-way you know that yelling doesn't settle anything; it could only lead to gunplay."

So they stopped. The Kid gave me a look with a peculiar smile and I went away. That evening Sam looked me up.

"We wouldn't have stood a chance if a fight had developed. Thanks, John, that was Billy the Kid."

Some time in the future I'll tell you more of the stories I got from this Western Pioneer.

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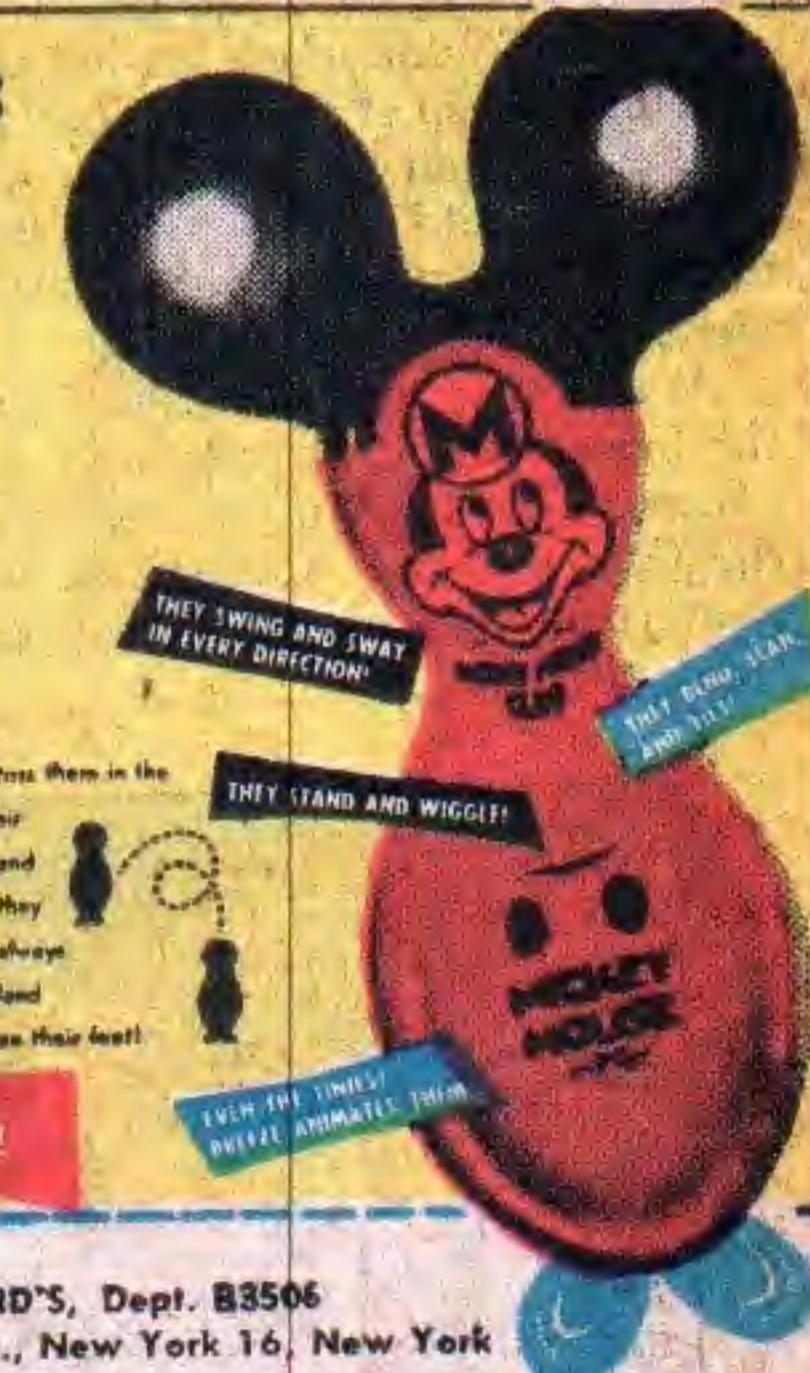
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# MAVERICK MARSHAL

## RANGE HOG

MARL ANDREW'S TWIN COLTS HAD WON HIM LAND AND CATTLE--WHEN HE WANTED SOMETHING, GRASS OR BEEF, HE BACKED UP HIS DEMANDS WITH READY GUNS THAT NO MAN HAD EVER SUCCESSFULLY DEFIED! THEN, HE MET JONATHAN JONES... A MILD MAN WHO WANTED TO RAISE CORN AND MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS...

I SHOT UP YORE PLACE, JONES,  
I WARNED YUH TUH GET OFF  
THIS LAND! WE DON'T WANT  
HOMESTEADERS... STOP!  
BACK OFF, YUH  
IDJIT!

I'M GETTING MAD, ANDREWS!  
I DON'T BLUFF EASILY! I'M  
GOING TO TAKE THOSE  
GUNS AND TEACH YOU A  
LESSON!



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MARL ANDREWS AIMED AND COCKED HIS COLTS... BUT HE HESITATED AND THAT GAVE THE HOMESTEADER HIS CHANCE!

BE CAREFUL,  
JONNY!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

ANDREWS, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGE YOU DID! YOU'RE GOING TO STAY AWAY FROM HERE TOO! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

DON'T HIT ME AGAIN! I'LL PAY... ANYTHING!

MARL ANDREWS RODE AWAY PLANNING HIS REVENGE.

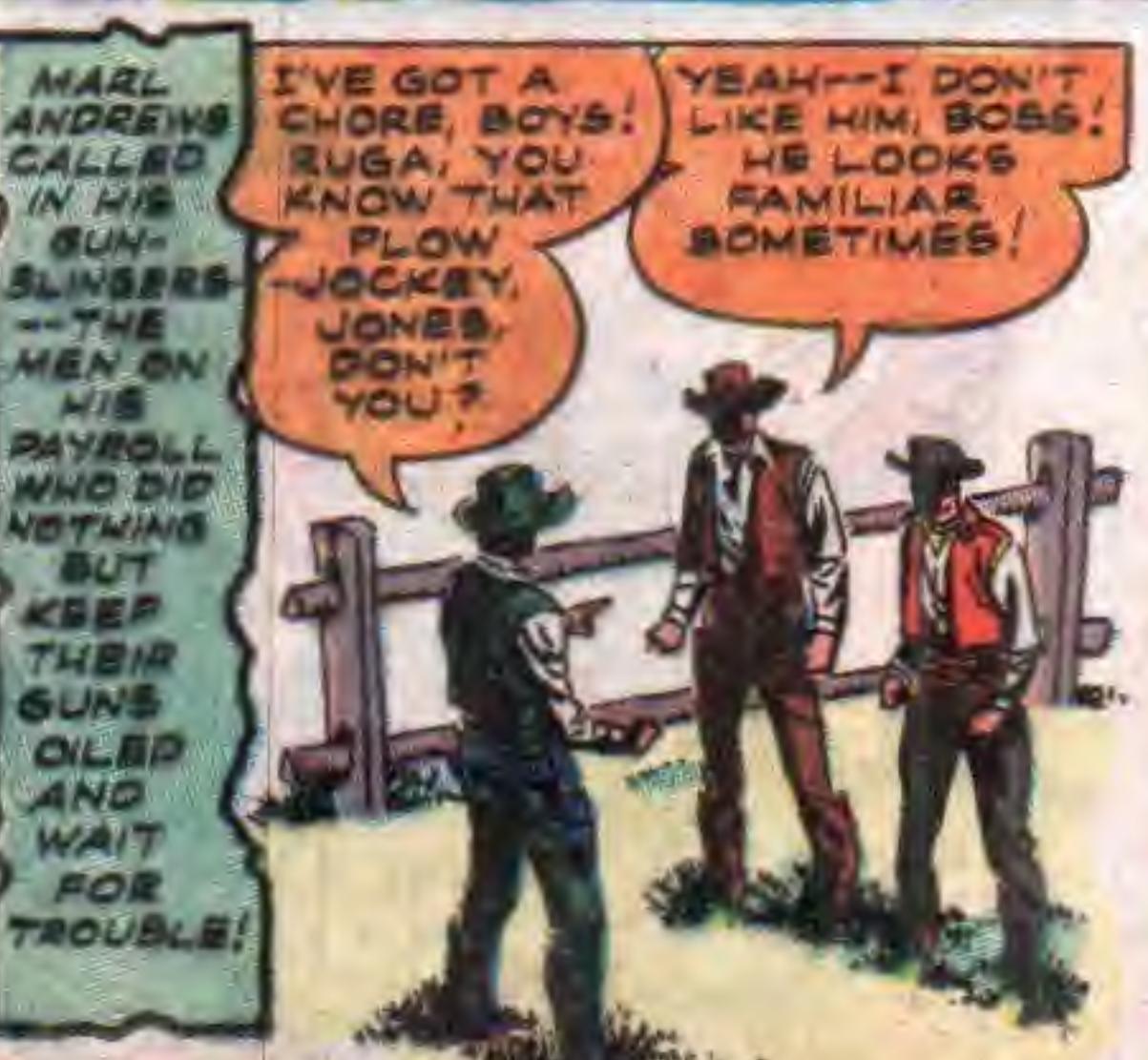
I'LL KEEP YOUR GUNS AWHILE, ANDREWS! I MAY USE THEM IF YOU MAKE ANOTHER VISIT!



MEANWHILE, JONATHAN JONES WAS REASSURING HIS WIFE...

JONNY, PUT THE GUNS AWAY! YOU PROMISED, REMEMBER?

I REMEMBER MARTHA! BUT I'LL KEEP THEM HANDY!



YEAH--I DON'T LIKE HIM, BOSS! HE LOOKS FAMILIAR SOMETIMES!

NOTICE ANYTHING ABOUT 'IM, HATCH?

YEAH--HE'S GOT A BAY MARE I'D LIKE TUH OWN! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF JONES, BOSS!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

THE TWO GUN-SLINGERS DIDN'T FIGURE ON TROUBLE! THEY LIVED BY THE GUN-- JONES LIVED ON HIS SWEAT! THEY FOUND HIM PLOWING EAST OF HIS HOUSE!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

THE GUNSLINGERS HAD QUITE A BIT TO REPORT TO ANDREWS WHEN THEY ARRIVED!

YUH LET A SODBUSTER SCARE YUH OFF?

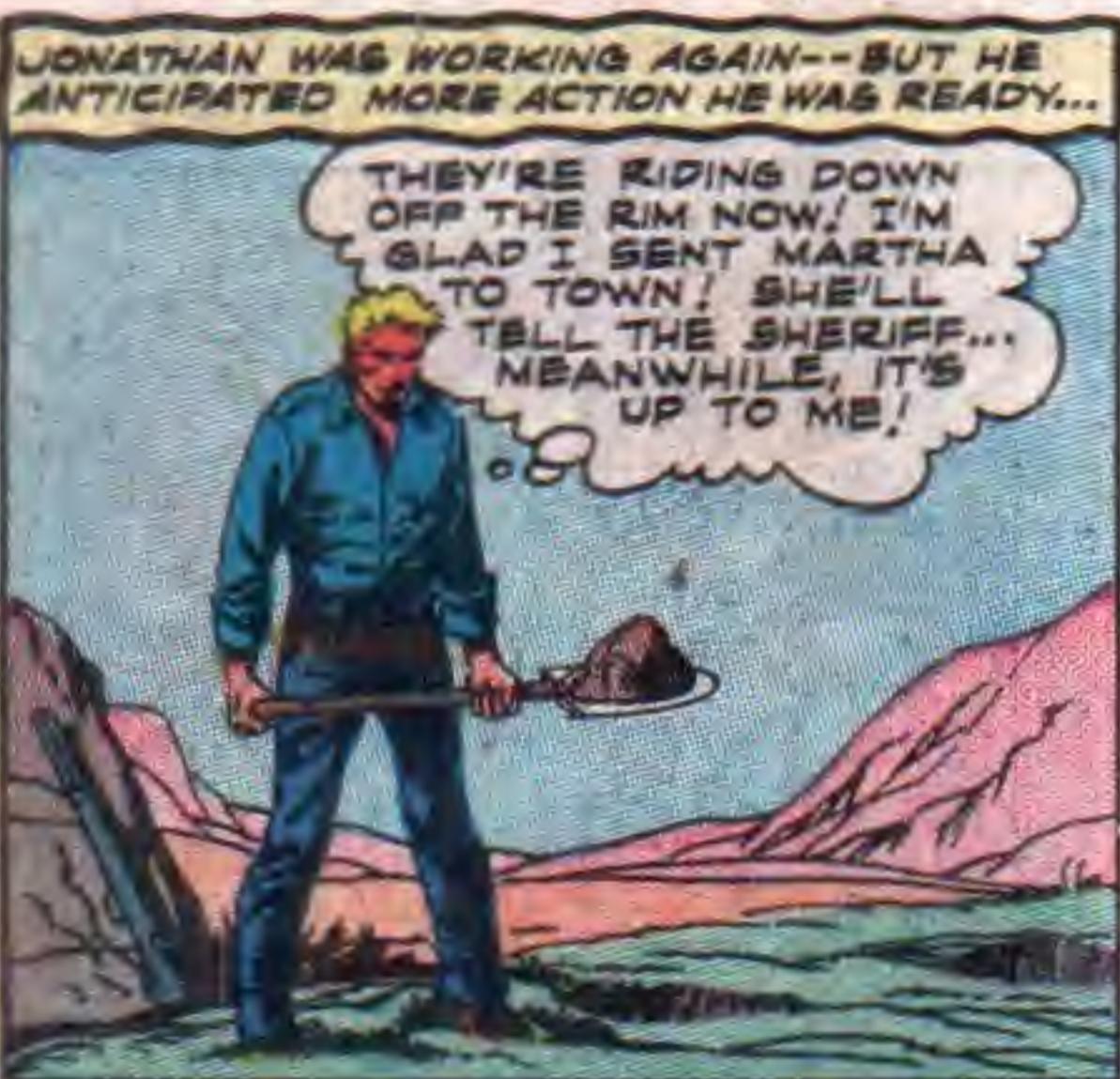
THEM SLUGS HE PUT IN ME AN' HATCH WEREN'T BLUFFS, MARL! I SEEN THAT GUY BEFORE TOO--AN' NOT BEHIND A PLOW!

I'LL HANDLE HIM--THIS TIME, WE WON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE! HEY, ACE --GET BUCK, WE GOT A JOB TO DO!



JONATHAN WAS WORKING AGAIN--BUT HE ANTICIPATED MORE ACTION HE WAS READY...

THEY'RE RIDING DOWN OFF THE RIM NOW! I'M GLAD I SENT MARTHA TO TOWN! SHE'LL TELL THE SHERIFF... MEANWHILE, IT'S UP TO ME!

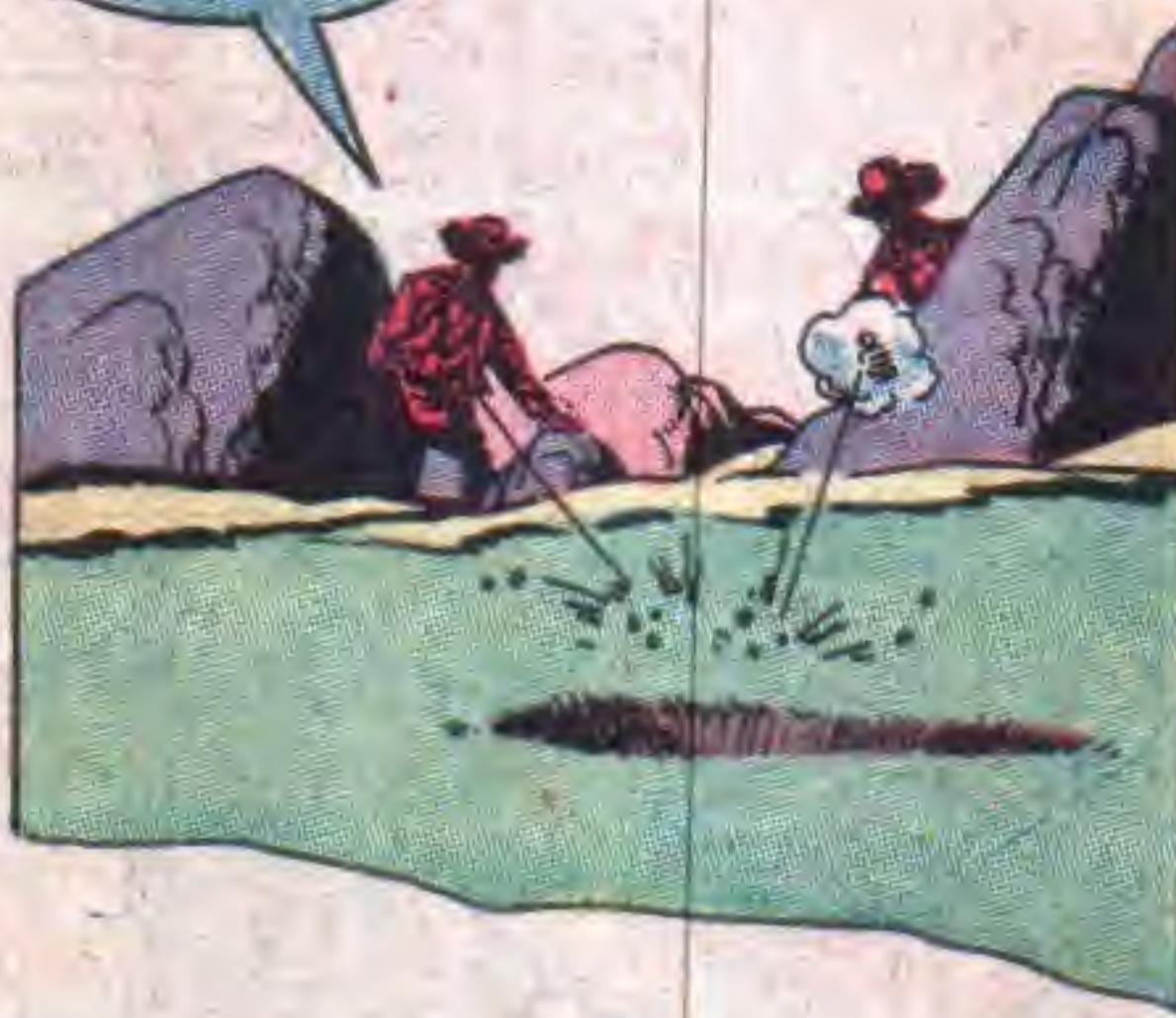


## MAVERICK MARSHAL

JONES DIDN'T TAKE CHANCES--HE GOT OFF TWO EFFECTIVE SNAP SHOTS, THEN DUCKED ONCE MORE!

ACE IS DOWNED,  
BUCK! YOU AN'  
ME GOT TUH  
DO IT! KEEP  
FIRIN' --  
WE'LL SMOKE  
HIM OUT!

THAT'S IT,  
BUCK!



I KNEW YOU'D COME FOR ME, ANDREWS!  
I DUG TWO WIDE, DEEP POST HOLES  
WITH AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL  
CONNECTING THEM! IT WORKED OUT FINE!

LATER, WHEN THE SHERIFF ARRIVED...

ANDREWS, YOU SURE WERE DUMB! I  
WANT YOU TO MEET BRAZOS JONES,  
RETired TEXAS RANGER! YUH TANGLED  
WITH THE WRONG MAN!



END

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

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A WARRANT  
FOR  
UNCLE JOHN

JACK MIER? HE MUST MEAN UNCLE JOHN MEYERS, IKE! YUH AIN'T SERVIN' NO WARRANT FOR UNCLE JOHN, MARSHAL! BETTER GIT WHILE YUH CAN RIDE!

GO AWAY LAWMAN! IM NO GUNMAN, BUT I'LL FIGHT YOU MYSELF IF YOU DON'T LEAVE UNCLE JOHN ALONE!

The district adjoint  
handed me the warrant  
for pardoning Jack Mier  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.  
Thirty-eight days  
later, following a long  
trail, I rode into the  
town of Two Jack with  
a strong bunch of  
cops up with the  
toughest fugitive we'd  
had in my years with  
the U.S. Marshal's  
office. Finding him was  
one thing - taking him  
out of Two Jack was  
another!

MEANWHILE, IN THE ALLEY BEHIND  
THE BLACKSMITH SHOP, UNCLE  
JOHN -- KNOWN AS SUNDOWN  
JACK IN THE U.S. MARSHAL'S  
OFFICE -- WAS STAYING OUT OF  
SIGHT!

UNCLE JOHN,  
YUH GOT ANY  
PEPPERMINT  
CANDY?

BEAT IT, BUSTER!  
I AIN'T GOT...  
WAIT A MINUTE!

I'VE BEEN BUILDING MYSELF  
UP AS A HARMLESS KIND-  
HEARTED GENT--I'D  
BETTER KEEP RIGHT  
ON ACTIN'  
THE  
PART!

NICHOLS  
AND  
TRAPAN

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT SUNDOWN JACK WAS THAT CLOSE BY--BUT I KNEW HE WAS IN TOWN!

SOUNDS LIKE A DIFFERENT MAN! THE MAN I WANT, SUNDOWN JACK MIER, -- SHOT A DEPUTY IN SPRINGVILLE DURIN' A HOLD-UP, THEN DESERTED HIS PARD WHEN THE POSSE WAS CLOSIN' IN!

SUNDOWN JACK'S SMOOTH --HE'S A WIZARD WITH A MARKED DECK OF CARDS!

HAS A TATTOO ON THE BACK OF HIS RIGHT HAND!

IT'S UNCLE JOHN, MISTER -- BUT HE AIN'T LIKE YUH SAID! UNCLE JOHN'S SQUARE-- THE KIDS ALL LIKE HIM!

I'D HEARD ENOUGH--I STOPPED LOOKING FOR OUR MAN AND WENT TO THE HOTEL! I WASN'T AFRAID HE'D LEAVE TWO-JACK--I WAS HOPIN' HE WOULD!

THIS GUY'S BEEN GOIN' TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO MAKE FRIENDS HERE! I'LL HAYE TO RIGHTE THE WHOLE TOWN TO GET HIM OUT...

**HOTEL**

I'LL DO EXACTLY THAT IF I HAVE TO-- BUT THIS UNCLE JOHN FUGITIVE MIGHT HELP ME OUT SOME! HE'LL PANIC WHEN I FACE HIM-- HE'S A SNEAKIN' LOBO AND HE'LL REVERT TUH TYPE!

SAY THE WORD, JACK! WE'LL GET YUH CLEAR OF THE LAW!

NO, SLIP--I CAN HANDLE HIM! NOW'S AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY!

I FELL ASLEEP IN THE CHAIR-- I DIDN'T HEAR A THING UNTIL A LITTLE AFTER SUNDOWN WHEN I HEARD A THUD, WOKE UP, THEN HEARD THE FUSE SIZZLIN'!

I CAN'T REACH THE FUSE IN TIME! IT'S GOING OFF ANY SECOND!

# MAVERICK MARSHAL

HE MUST'VE BEEN AWAKE! I MISSED-- BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHO TOSSSED THE TNT UP THROUGH THE WINDOW!

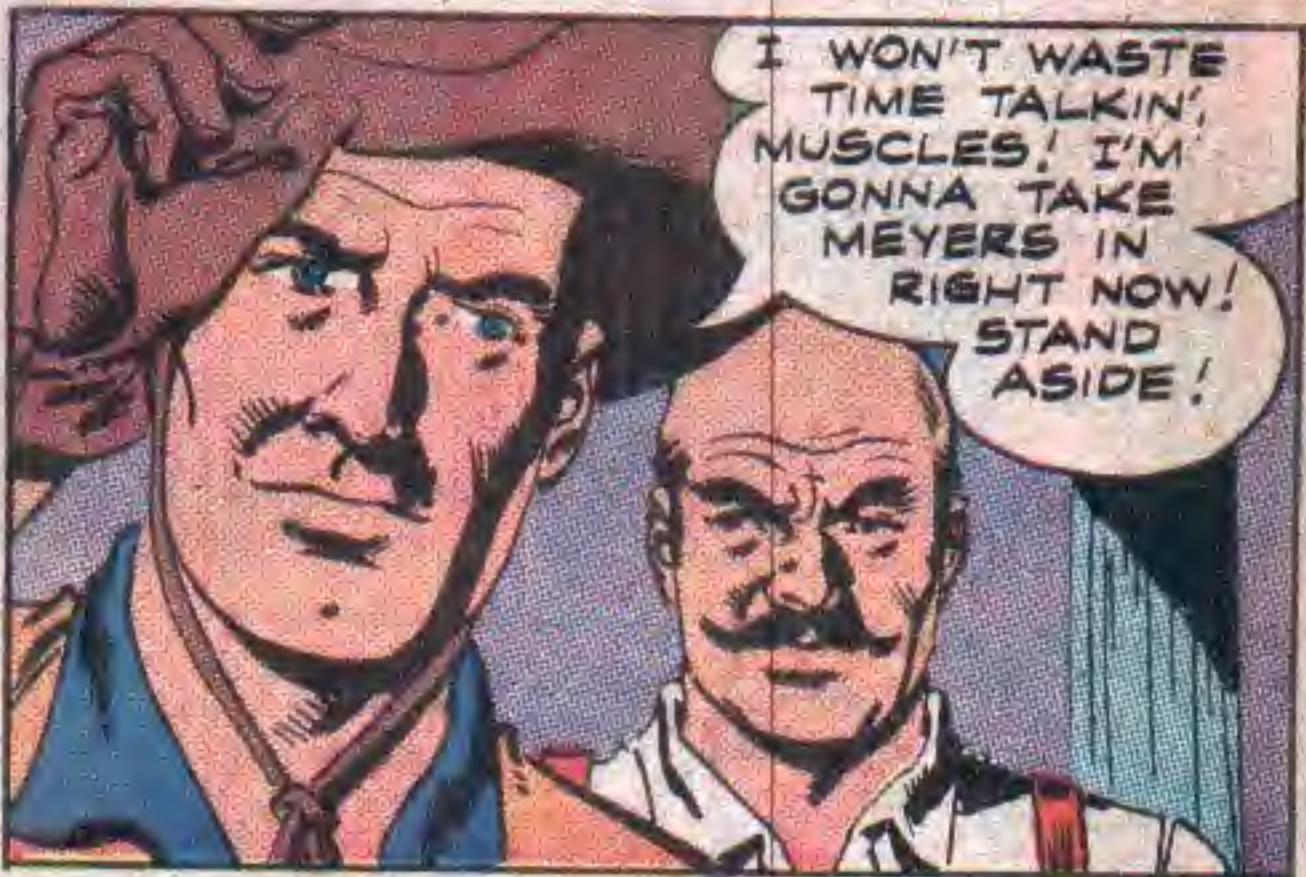


THE STREET WAS FILLED WITH ALARMED CITIZENS A MOMENT LATER--

I KNOW-- YUH THINK UNCLE JOHN DID IT! WELL I DONT-- NOBODY ELSE WILL EITHER!



I WON'T WASTE TIME TALKIN' MUSCLES! I'M GONNA TAKE MEYERS IN RIGHT NOW! STAND ASIDE!



HERE HE IS NOW, BOYS! THE LAWMAN WITH THE WARRANT!



I'VE SEEN HOSTILE CROWDS IN MY TIME-- BUT THAT BUNCH WAS MAD ENOUGH TUH BITE STEEL AN' SPIT WINCHESTERS!

IS THE MAN KNOWN AS JOHN MEYERS HERE? I'VE GOT A WARRANT-- IT READS FOR THE ARREST OF SUNDOWN JACK MIER!

BETTER GO BACK TUH THE CAPITAL, MARSHAL!



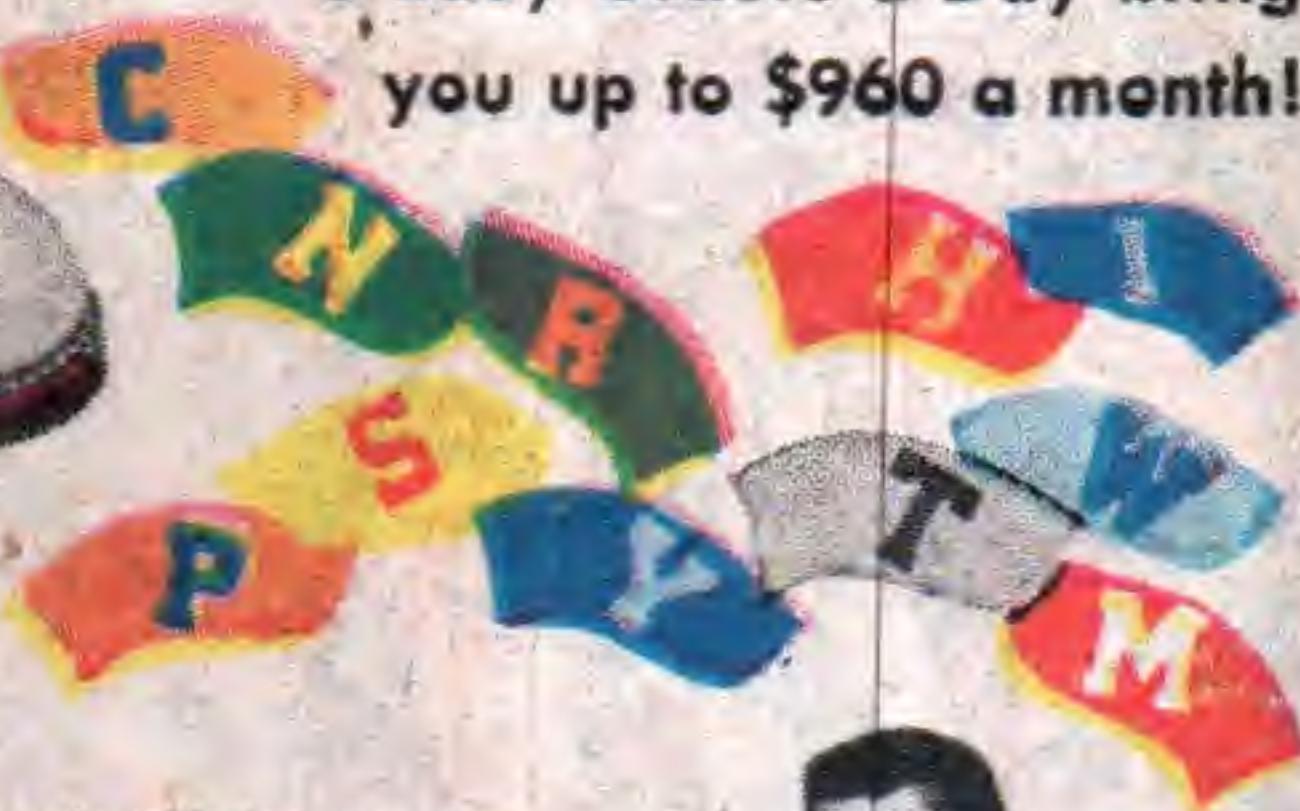
STAND UP, SUNDOWN JACK! YUH'RE UNDER ARREST FOR ROBBERY, SHOOTIN' A PEACE OFFICER, RESISTIN' ARREST AN'... GIT UP!

I WARNED YUH, MARSHAL!



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# MAVERICK MARSHAL

I'D KNOWN THE CROWD WAS WITH HIM--BUT I HADN'T KNOWN HOW FAR THEY'D GO UNTIL I MADE MY MOVE! IKE, THE BLACKSMITH, REACHED ME FIRST...

TAKE HIM APART, IKE! HE'S TRYIN' TUH FRAME ME INTUH THE STATE PEN!

ICE DIDN'T WORRY ME MUCH --HE WAS BIG BUT I'VE MET BIG MEN BEFORE...



YUH GOT YUH'RE A FOOL--  
HIM, MISTER, YUH'RE ALL  
GOTTA SUNDOWN JACK  
ISN'T WORTH  
GET PAST THIS TROUBLE--  
ME TUH GET TUH UNCLE  
JOHN!



THE NEXT ONE WILL BE FOR KEEPS, COWBOY! FREEZE!



THAT LEFT UNCLE JOHN--THE REST OF THE CROWD DIDN'T WANT MY BRAND OF TROUBLE!

YOU, CARL! HELP ME! REMEMBER, HOW I... CARL!

I AIN'T BUCKING THAT MARSHAL!

IT'S BETWEEN US, MEYERS!  
YUH PACK A SHOULDER GUN--DROP IT!

WALK AHEAD OF ME--OUT TUH THE STREET!

WE'LL HAVE A SHOWDOWN OUT THERE!  
THESE FOLKS RESPECT ME--I AIN'T GONNA LET 'EM DOWN!



# MAVERICK MARSHAL

SUNDOWN JACK MIER WAS ONE OF THE GOOD ONES--THE BEST I EVER MET WHEN IT CAME TO GUNFIGHTS! HE KNEW HE WAS FASTER AND MORE ACCURATE--HE KNEW I KNEW IT TOO! BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUGH OF AN EDGE...

WHEN I SAY THE WORD, STONE, TURN AROUND WITH A GUN IN YORE FIST!



THAT'S REAL SPORTIN' JACK! I'LL BE TOO FULL OF LEAD TUH FLOAT BY THE TIME I FILL MY HAND!

SAY, JACK, HE'S RIGHT! YUH CAN'T DO THAT!



ALL RIGHT--MAKE YORE PLAY! TURN AROUND, MARSHAL!

UH UH! NOT ME... GO AHEAD AN SHOOT ME IN THE BACK, I WON'T DRAW!



I FELT THEM CHANGING-- THEY LOOKED AT THE MAN THEY'D CALLED UNCLE JOHN AND SAW SUNDOWN JACK MIER! AND THEY DIDN'T LIKE HIM.

WE WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, MEYERS. GIVE HIM A CHANCE --PUT UP YORE GUN!

GET BACK YOU FOOL! I'VE SHOT OTHER MEN FOR LESS!



WHAT TH...?

YUH'D SHOOT IKE -- AN' HE AIN'T EVEN PACKIN' A GUN!



THAT WOULD IT UPON THE LOCAL CITIZENS APOLOGIZED FOR HIDIN' THE MAN THEY CALLED UNCLE JOHN! UNCLE JOHN WENT INTO A CELL!

HE SURE FOOLED US, MARSHAL! I HOPE YUH'RE NOT SORE!



UNCLE JOHN IS A GREAT CON MAN-- I KNEW HE'D SHOW HIS MEAN STREAK IF I GAVE HIM ENOUGH ROPE! I DID AND HE NEARLY HUNG ME WITH IT!

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